

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST ADDENDUM SHEET
INTERCOUNTY CONNECTOR PROJECT

Property Name: Parker-Malin House
Survey No. PG: 61-16 (PACS E4.11)

Property Address 12610 Old Gunpowder Road, Beltsville, Prince George's County, Maryland
Owner Name/Address Laurence Malin, 12610 Old Gunpowder Road, Beltsville, Maryland 20705
Year Built circa 1900

Description:

The property was previously surveyed by the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission in 1987. There have been no changes to the property since the last survey.

National Register Evaluation:

Constructed circa 1900, the Parker-Malin House is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The property is not eligible under Criterion A, as research conducted indicates no association with any historic events or trends significant in the development of national, state or local history. Historic research indicates that the property has no association with persons who have made specific contributions to history, and therefore, it does not meet Criterion B. It is not eligible under Criterion C, as it is an undistinctive example of a Folk Victorian house which lacks such character defining features of the Folk Victorian style such as machine-produced ornamentation on door and window surrounds and porch posts. The architectural integrity of the house has been compromised by the installation of replacement siding and windows, and its historic setting has been altered by the close proximity of a mid-twentieth century ranch-style house. Finally, the structure has no known potential to yield important information, and therefore, is not eligible under Criterion D.

MHT CONCURRENCE:

Eligibility recommended X not recommended

Criteria A B C D Considerations A B C D E F G None

Comments: _____

Laurence Malin 10/5/96
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

Philippe 11/9/96
Reviewer, NR program Date

Preparer:
P.A.C. Spero & Company
October 1996

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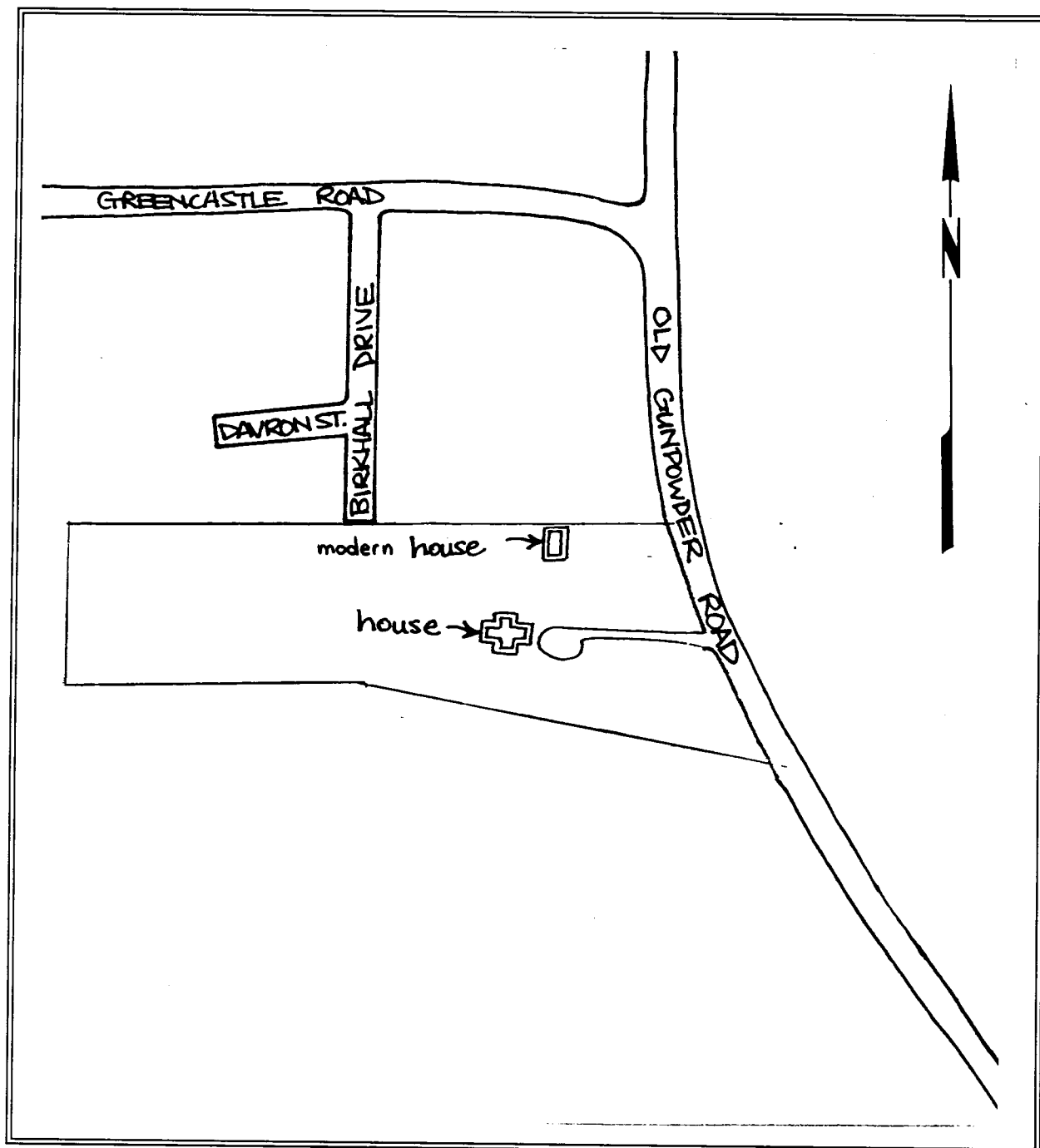
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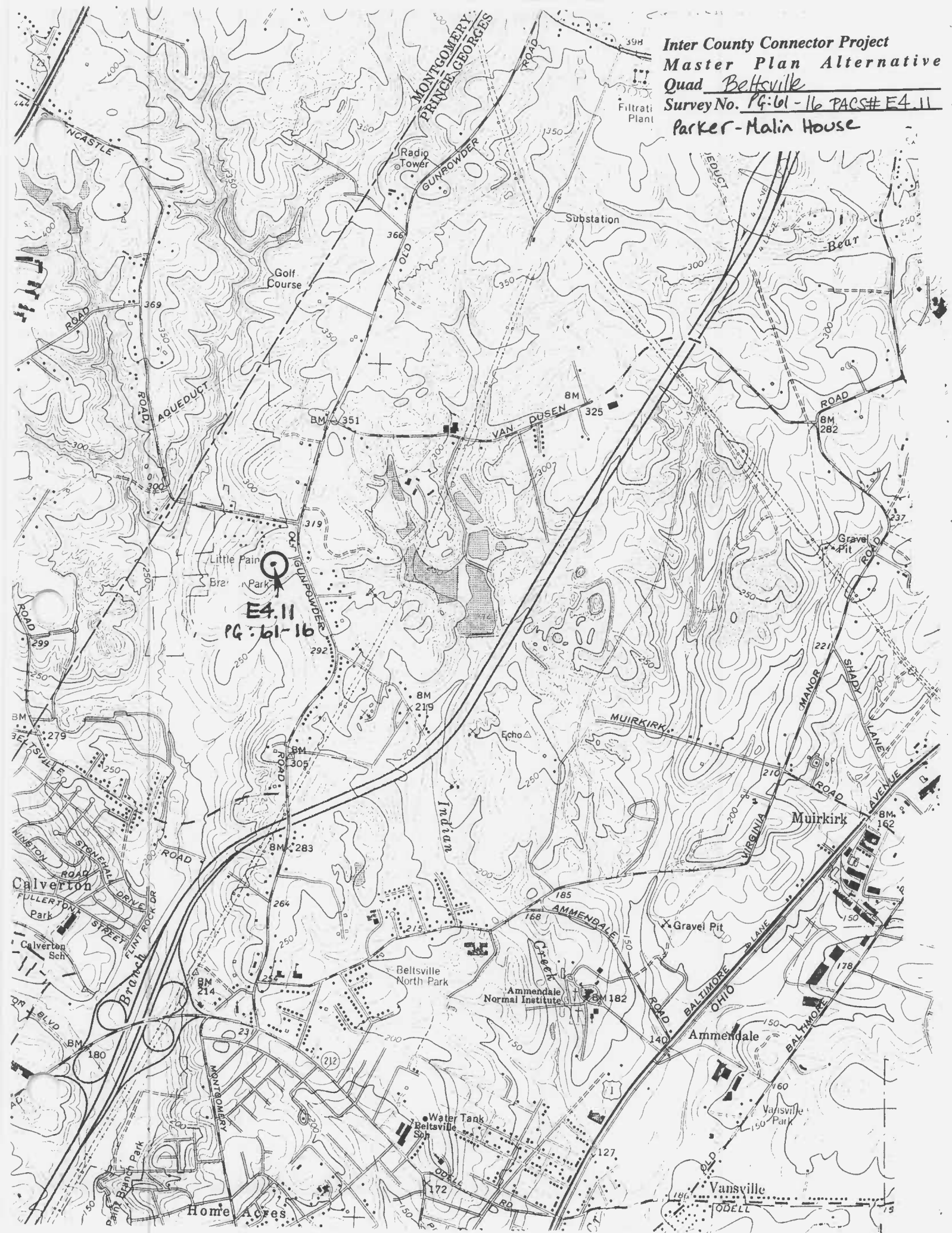
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Resource Sketch Map:



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Master Plan Alternative
Quad Beltsville
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- 5 February 1996
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- 7 12610 Old Gunpowder Road, east facade
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PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #61-16 Building Date: ca. 1900

Building Name: Parker-Malin House

Location: 12608 Old Gunpowder Road, Beltsville, Maryland

Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description

The Parker-Malin house is a two-and-one-half-story frame cross-gable farmhouse, of cruciform plan; it is distinguished by a two-story porch inset into its principal gable end, and a full two-story veranda across the rear elevation. The house stands at the high point of a tract of land, overlooking the sloping valley of the Paint Branch to the west. The plan is of an unequal cross; the east and west arms of the cross are three bays by one bay, while the north and south arms are one bay by one bay. Entrance is in the third bay of the east gable end. A two-story veranda spans the entire west gable end. It is supported by chamfered posts with plain railing on both levels. There is a central entrance into this three-bay west facade. The original wood siding is now covered with white aluminum siding. The building rests on a foundation of stone parged with concrete, which encloses a basement under most of the building. Windows are modern 1/1 double hung sash, and have narrow molded surrounds and black louvered aluminum shutters.

Significance

The Parker-Malin House is a good example of a turn-of-the-century frame farmhouse, folk Victorian in style. It was built circa 1900 by Laura and Alva Parker on their 175 acre farm known as "Flag Bottom". The farmhouse was of somewhat unusual cruciform plan, but with many elements of Victorian vernacular architecture: the two-tiered veranda, the paired windows and asymmetrical form, as well as the interior trim and staircase detail typical of the period. Alva Parker died circa 1910, and his widow sold the property in 1914. In 1950, the farm was purchased by Dr. Laurence Malin, who together with his brother had established Leland Memorial Hospital in Riverdale. Shortly after their purchase, repairs were undertaken on the older house, e.g., the coating of the foundation with concrete, and the construction of a new brick chimney in the south-east to serve two new fireplaces with antique mantels. The Malins ran a cattle farm on the adjoining acreage. The Parker farmhouse has recently been sided with aluminum. It retains, however, its folk Victorian appearance, and is a prominent landmark overlooking the valley of the Paint Branch.

Acreage: 2.52 acres

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Parker House

and/or common Malin House

2. Location

street & number 12608 Old Gunpowder Road ☐ not for publicationcity, town Beltsville ☐ vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland county Prince George's

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Laurence Malin

street & number 12610 Old Gunpowder Road telephone no.:

city, town Beltsville state and zip code MD 20705

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 5940

street & number Main Street folio 778

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title None

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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The plan is of an unequal cross; the east and west arms of the cross are three bays by one bay, while the north and south arms are one bay by one bay. Entrance is in the third (northernmost) bay of the east gable end, through a six panel door. The entrance is inset in a small corner porch, beneath a second story porch, supported by a single plain corner post with plain balustrade railing. This two-story corner porch is covered by a small third-story loft space, flush with the full east gable end.

The two-story veranda on the west is similar, in that it is surmounted by a third level loft space flush with the gable end and the veranda balustrade. Unlike the east porch, however, the west veranda spans the entire west gable end. It is supported by chamfered posts with plain railing on both levels. There is a central entrance into this three-bay west facade, and above it a door which open onto the second story of the veranda.

The original wood siding is now covered with white aluminum siding. The building rests on a foundation of stone parged with concrete, which encloses a basement under most of the building. Entrance to the basement is through a bulkhead in the east foundation of the southerly section. Beside this bulkhead entrance, on the south elevation of the easterly projecting cross-gable, is a new exterior brick chimney. The gable roof of the building is covered with black asphalt shingle; the eaves have a pronounced overhang, and are bordered with crown molding.

Windows are modern 1/1 double hung sash, and have narrow molded surrounds and black louvered aluminum shutters. In the east gable end, in the first and second bays of first and second stories, these windows are side by side, making a double window with one pair of shutters. The windows which light the third level of the east and the west gable ends are 2/2 double hung sash.

The east door opens into a living room which fills the easterly front gabled section. This room is warmed by a fireplace in its south wall, with a wooden mantel newly installed and plain Greek Revival in style. A similar mantel frames the fireplace in the space above. A staircase rises (north to south) along the west wall of this easterly space; it is a

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Description (continued)

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closed-string staircase with square panelled newel surmounted by a fluted urn cap, and turned balusters. Door and window surrounds have multi-band moldings with bullseye corner blocks. The kitchen is in the westerly rear space which opens onto the veranda.

The house stands in a high point of land, accessible by an unpaved drive which runs west from Old Gunpowder Road. There is a large old oak tree in the east yard. The ground slopes off to west and south toward the Paint Branch, and there is a large maple in the rear yard just west of the house. In the field south of the house is a gable-roof stable, with vertical board siding, and standing seam roof.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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Specific dates ca. 1900

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Parker-Malin House is a good example of a turn-of-the-century frame farmhouse, folk Victorian in style. It is distinguished by its two-tiered veranda across the rear elevation, and its prominent setting overlooking the valley of the Paint Branch.

The house was built circa 1900 by Laura and Alva Parker on their 175 acre farm known as "Flag Bottom". The Parker family had owned this property as early as 1831, and had farmed the land through most of the nineteenth century. In 1877, Thomas Parker sold 175 acres of Flag Bottom to Laura, wife of Alva M. Parker.¹ It is likely that Laura and Alva Parker lived in an older house on the property, fronting on the old road which ran parallel to the Montgomery County line, between Beltsville and Laurel.²

The subject house was built circa 1900; it was a large plain farmhouse, of somewhat unusual cruciform plan, but with many elements of Victorian vernacular architecture: the two-tiered veranda, the paired windows and asymmetrical form, as well as the interior trim and staircase detail typical of the period.

Alva Parker died circa 1910, and his widow sold the property in 1914. In 1950, the farm was purchased by Dr. Laurence Malin, who, together with his brother, Dr. Wendell Malin, had established Leland Memorial Hospital in Riverdale.³ Shortly after their purchase, the Malins built the smaller house which stands just north of the Parker farmhouse. At the same time repairs were undertaken on the older house, e.g., the coating of the foundation with concrete, and the construction of a new brick chimney in the southeast to serve two new fireplaces with antique mantels. The Malins ran a cattle farm on the adjoining acreage.

The Parker farmhouse has recently been sided with aluminium. It retains, however, its folk Victorian appearance, and is a prominent landmark overlooking the valley of the Paint Branch.

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Statement of Significance (continued)

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Notes

- 1 Prince George's County Deed HB #12:577.
- 2 cf. G. M. Hopkins Map of Vicinity of Washington, D.C., 1894.
- 3 Prince George's County Deeds #97:454; #1237:222; cf. Memorials for God Through Faith, the Story of the Medical Group Foundation, by Felix A. Lorenz, 1968.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Cf. Notes, Item #8

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 2.52 acres

Tax Map 8, parcel 90

Quadrangle name Beltsville, Section E

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Susan G. Pearl, Research/Architect Historian

organization Historic Preservation Commission c/o M-NCPPC date September 1987

street & number #4010, CAB telephone 952-3501

city or town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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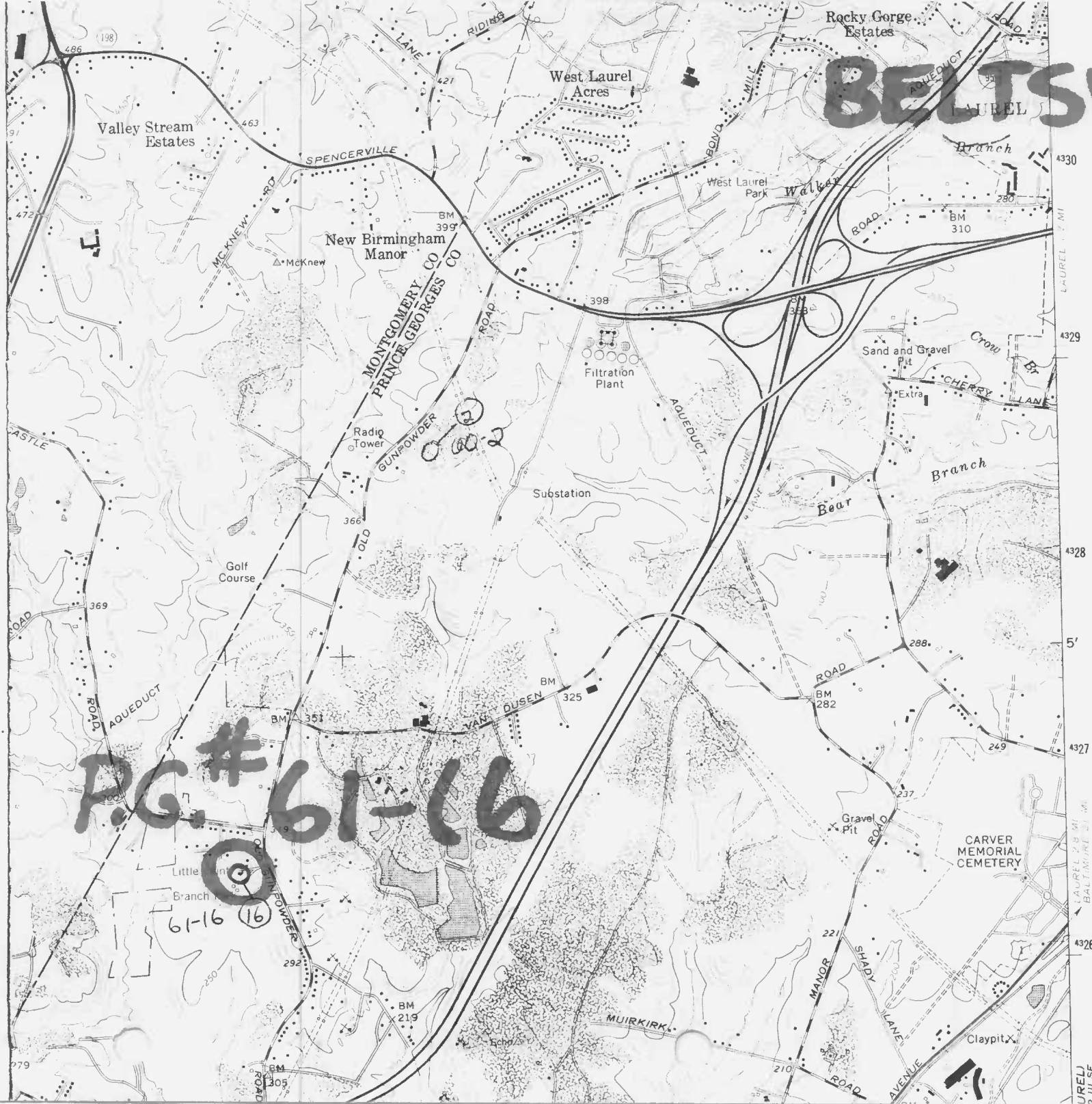
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West elevation
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